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The Sprenstie Cubman.

The winp macking hero of this story had driven an irascible old fellow a good three mile Journey. When the fare climbed stiffly out and slowly produced a big pocketbook cabby drew a deep breath and prepared to be sarcastic. A watchful constable standing near prevented all thought of his relieving his feelings by the use of picturesque terms.

Cabby watched his fare make a lengthy mental calculation of the distance he had been driven, select the exact legal fare, count it twice over and then proffer it to him, with an expression on his face plainly indicative of "Now, then, you dare dispute it and I'll take your number."

But cabby didn't dispute it. Instead he promptly accepted it; but, slipping his hand into another pocket, he produced a farthing, which he handed to the fers.

"What's this for?" demanded the old fellow.

"One farden, currint coin of the rellum, sir," said cabby, gathering up his reins. "I druv yer jest the exact distance represented by arf of that there shekel under the three mile you reckoned. I ain't got no arf farden about me, but it don't matter. You can keep the charge. I ain't mean. Goodby, sir, and God bless you. Geeup, 'orse!"— London Standard.

A Dreaded Quilt.

Queen Victoria was an expert and indefatigable knitter. During the Egyptian campaign she and the ladies of the household employed themselves in knitting quilts, which at the end of the war were sent to Netley hospital for the use of the wounded. One of these, made entirely by her majesty and bearing an elaborate V. R. in the center, was the coverlet par excellence of the institution and in universal demand for a time. In assessing the claims of the candidates for the honor of sleeping upon it the medical staff naturally gave the precedence to the most severely wounded, and as the most severely wounded was the one most likely to die very soon, alas, an evil omen attached itself to the distinction, the climax of which was reached one night when a poor soldier, feeling something touching his bedclothes, woke up with perspiration pouring down his face and cried out, "Oh, sir, do anything you like with me, but for God's sake don't give me the quilt!"

The Mechanism of the Salmon.

A salmon is marvelously adapted to the conditions amid which it lives. It can cleave through tons of water falling perpendicularly, yet its fins and its tail, which seem to hold the propelling power, are not less fragile than the wings of a bat. It can be killed without injury to its contour, and a plaster cast of it can be made, yet no mechanism can devise an instrument which will lie in the water and move as it does, and no theory of dynamics has explained either its postures in the water or its motion. Simple in its organization as it seems, its movements are as inimitable by any human contrivance as the flight of a bird has

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